

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A discharge vessel or chamber for a high-intensity discharge lamp ~~having, comprising a center~~ central body ~~arranged providing~~ having a discharge space provided therein ~~and, two capillaries provided for shutting up~~ both closing off respective end openings of the center said central body and ~~accepting a~~ pair of electrodes ~~respectively, positioned within a respective one of said capillaries;~~  
wherein ~~the center~~ said central body and ~~the~~ said capillaries ~~are made~~ of comprise an alumina material or an alumina-based ceramic material; and  
~~the~~ wherein an average diameter of alumina grains in ~~the~~ said capillaries ~~ranges~~ from is in a range of 10  $\mu$ m micrometers to 25  $\mu$ m micrometers.
2. (Currently Amended) A discharge vessel or chamber for a high-intensity discharge lamp according to claim 1, wherein ~~the capillaries contain an amount of~~ magnesium oxide, yttrium oxide, zirconium oxide, scandium oxide, lanthanum oxide, or their combination present in the material of said capillaries is 1.5 times greater than that present in the material of the center said central body.
3. (Currently Amended) A discharge vessel or chamber for a high-intensity discharge lamp according to claim 1, wherein ~~the center~~ said central body and ~~the~~ said capillaries ~~are made of~~ comprise an alumina-based composition.
4. (Cancelled).